

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED HUNTINGTON PARK NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #3

Huntington Park, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 19 to December 18, 2001

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan for the Los Angeles Unified School District's Proposed Huntington Park New Elementary School #3 site. This Workplan addresses the removal and offsite disposal of approximately 4,200 cubic yards of soil from the proposed Site. The new school Site is bounded by 57th Street to the north, 58th Street to the south, Seville Avenue on the west and private residences on the east, located in Huntington Park. During the site investigation, arsenic was detected in shallow soils at concentrations that exceed DTSC health standards. Therefore, the contaminated soil will be removed and transported to a permitted offsite disposal facility. The impacted soil generally exists no deeper than 1.5 feet below ground surface in one area, and 3 feet below ground surface in another area. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since DTSC found no evidence that the cleanup will have a significant negative effect on the environment.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide the interested public the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC, concerning the proposed soil removal action, within thirty (30) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft Removal Action Workplan may be submitted in writing to Pete Cooke, Project Manager, at the Department of Toxic Substances Control at the address listed below, and must be postmarked by <u>December 18, 2001</u>.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft Removal Action Workplan and other project documents are available at the Huntington Park Regional Library, 6518 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90025. Additionally, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Treva Miller, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 551-2846, or David Jensen, CDM Deputy Director, LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety, (213) 633-7539. Si desea información en español, comuníquese con el Sr. Eloy Florez al (818) 551-2875.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption.

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